

**STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
August 16, 2004  
150 North 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Conference Room 540-A  
Phoenix, Arizona**

**Members Present:**

Michel Sucher (Chairman)	Ingrid Bachtel
Scott Petersen	John Porter
Charles Frank Allen	Nancy Shaver
Dan Judkins	Rich Thacher
Bill Ashland	Debbie Johnston
Jeff Farkas	Stuart Alt
Stewart Hamilton	

**Members Absent:**

Mark Venuti  
David Bank  
Michael J. Seby  
Steve Thompson  
Peter Hershfield  
Alex Wilcox

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Michel Sucher, Chairman, called a special meeting of the State Trauma Advisory Board to order at 10:05 a.m. A quorum was present.

**II. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR**

Niki O’Keeffe announced there was nothing to report at this time.

**III. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Introduction/Announcement of BEMS Medical Director**

A new Medical Director has not yet been formally appointed.

**B. Discussion and Action on Initial Working Draft of Rules for Trauma Center Designation**

Judi Crume provided a powerpoint presentation on the EMS and Trauma System. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Continued Role of STAB
- Trauma Registry Users Group (TRUG)
- EMS and Trauma System Plan
- HRSA Grant
- Injury Prevention, SAFE KIDS and Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC)
- Central Statewide Trauma Registry
- Administrative Rules
- November 14, 2003, STAB Retreat
- The passage of House Bill 2197
- Data
- Verification/Designation of Trauma Centers
- Regional Resources (EMS and Trauma Resources within the regions)

Dona Markley provided an update on Suzy Baulch and announced that Vicki Conditt would be assuming the role of Trauma Coordinator.

The purpose of today's meeting is to obtain the Board's input on the initial working draft of the rules for trauma center designation, and to determine the composition of the work group to provide input into the development of the rulemaking.

Sarah Harpring reported on her e-mail correspondence with Kathy O'Donnell of the American College of Surgeons concerning whether ACS would verify a trauma center at a lower level than applied for if the review determined that the trauma center did not meet the criteria for the higher level and whether such would require reapplication at the lower level and additional fees.

Also discussed was the concept that the rules provide for designation through either compliance with state standards or compliance with ACS criteria.

Following considerable discussion, STAB recommended the following changes to the draft rulemaking:

- A hospital can receive designation as a Level I, Level II, or Level III trauma center based on either compliance with state standards or American College of Surgeons (ACS) verification at the appropriate Level.
- The Arizona Trauma Center Standards that appear as Appendix B in the Arizona Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System Plan for 2002-2005 are included as the state standards for designation as a Level I, Level II, or Level III trauma center.
- Contact ACS to confirm that ACS will review a trauma center Level I, Level II, or Level III to determine compliance with state standards.
- Include a grandfather clause for the currently, self-designated Level I trauma centers to come into compliance with state standards or ACS standards for a Level I trauma center.

The committee recommended that we request ACS to provide written confirmation concerning what ACS will do and the associated costs with the processes.

Dona Markley stated the draft would be revised to incorporate the intent of the work group as noted above and ACS would be contacted.

**C. Discussion and Action on Rulemaking Process and Rules Development**

The committee also recommended including rural representation to the work group. It was determined that ADHS use the previously formed STAB Verification/Designation Work Group as the core group and that all STAB members be invited to attend the work group meetings.

The timeline for the rulemaking was reviewed. A revised draft rulemaking will be presented to STAB at its next regular meeting scheduled for September 23, 2004.

A motion was made by Dr. Alt and seconded by Nancy Shaver that the work group members, along with any interested STAB members, continue meeting to work on the draft rulemaking. **Motion carried.**

**IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Brian Smith came forward with a concern that facilities in rural areas are not included in the receipt of funds under R9-22-2201. Clarification was made that R9-22-2201 is a rule under the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment Service. Ms. Sara Harper from AHCCCS stated that the statute requires AHCCCS to administer and distribute the Proposition 202 funds (gaming revenues) to Level I Trauma Centers only.

It was recommended that Brian Smith communicate with AHCCCS directly regarding this rule.

**V. TRAINING OR EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Southwest Regional Trauma Conference will be held on October 7 – 8, 2004, at the Tucson Convention Center.

**VI. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular STAB meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2004.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Approved by: State Trauma Advisory Board

Date: September 23, 2004